

Lake Merritt United Methodist Church

An Inclusive Christian Community of Oakland



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The Chipped Cup

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
CELEBRATION OF DIVINE WORSHIP

WELCOME

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

INTROIT

Fill My Cup, Lord

Ron Fujie, Clarinet

OPENING PRAYER [UNISON]

Sherri Elinson

All: Merciful God -

Amidst the imperfections within us and the imperfections and troubling behaviors of those near to us, please open our eyes and our hearts to see and feel the perfect beauty in Your abundant Grace. For us to expect perfection in ourselves and in others only leads us down the darkened path of despair and disappointment. May we follow the example of Your Son, Jesus, who embraced with open arms the imperfect, the unloved, the unlovable, the lame and the lost, in the perfect love that redeems the world now and forever. Amen

Bendingangel.com(adapt)

OPENING SONG

(Please stand if able)

Many Gifts, One Spirit UMH 114

**1. God of change and glory, God of time and space,
When we fear the future, give to us your grace.
In the midst of changing ways give us still the grace to praise.**

**Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise one Giver,
one Lord, one Spirit, one Word known in many ways,
hallowing our days. For the Giver, For the gifts, praise, praise, praise!**

**2. God of many colors, God of many signs,
you have made us different, blessing many kinds.
As the old ways disappear, let your love cast out our fear.**

**Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise one Giver,
one Lord, one Spirit, one Word known in many ways,
hallowing our days. For the Giver, For the gifts, praise, praise, praise!**

3. Freshness of the morning, newness of each night,

**you are still creating endless love and light.
This we see, as shadows part, many gifts from one great heart.**

**Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise one Giver,
one Lord, one Spirit, one Word known in many ways,
hallowing our days. For the Giver, For the gifts, praise, praise, praise!**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Margaret LeWright

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 139:1-14 (NIV)

Sherri Elinson

You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.
You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.
You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"
even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

Matthew 7:4 (CEB)

How can you say to your brother or sister, 'Let me take the splinter out of your eye,' when there's a log in your eye?

RESPONSE

Be Thou My Vision UMH 451 [Organ]

- 1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**
- 2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**
- 3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

SERMON

"The Chipped Cup"

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

GIFT OF MUSIC

"Amen"

Jester Hairston

LMUMC Choir, Stanley Huston, Tenor

PRAYERS & GRATITUDES

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ecumenical Version (UMH 894)

*Please feel free to use the name of your choice for God that speaks to your soul.

*Our *Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.*

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Let us offer one another signs of peace and love.

LIVING AS THE CHURCH

OFFERING & THANKSGIVING SONG

Fill My Cup, Lord UMH 641 (Sing 2x)

**Fill my cup, Lord
I lift it up, Lord
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul
Bread of Heaven, feed me 'til I want no more
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole**

CLOSING SONG **I Want to Walk as a Child of Light** UMH 206 [Organ]

(Please stand if able)

1. I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus
God set the stars to give light to the world
The star of my life is Jesus

In Him, there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

2. I want to see the brightness of God
I want to look at Jesus
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father

In Him, there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ
I want to be with Jesus
When we have run with patience the race
We shall know the joy of Jesus

In Him, there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

CLOSING PRAYER [UNISON]

Sherri Elinson

**All: Dear Lord,
Thank You for loving me.
I pray I won't get caught up in trying to be perfect.**

**I pray I won't care so much about what others think of me.
Help me to remember that life is not about how perfect I am,
but rather how perfect You are.**

**Don't let me be overwhelmed by my imperfection
but to be confident that in my weakness I am made strong because of You.
Thank You for loving me despite my imperfections.**

May Your will be done in Jesus' name. AMEN!

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POSTLUDE

Toccata in E minor [Organ]

Johann Pachelbel